

21. (Amended) The process for producing eicosapentaenoic acid or lipid containing eicosapentaenoic acid according to [any one of claims 15 to 20] claim 15, wherein the carbon source concentration at the start of culturing is at least 8% by weight.

27. (Amended) The animal feed according to [any one of claims 22 to 26] claim 22, wherein the animal feed further contains other feed components.

28. (Amended) The animal fed according to claim 22 [or 27], wherein the animal feed is poultry feed.

29. (Amended) The animal feed according to [any one of claims 22 to 28] claim 22, wherein the highly unsaturated fatty acid is arachidonic acid, dihomo- $\gamma$ -linolenic acid and/or eicosapentaenoic acid.

#### **REMARKS**

By the foregoing amendment, claims 2, 9 and 16 have been canceled without prejudice or disclaimer to the subject matter disclosed therein. Claims 1, 8 and 15 have been amended to incorporate the inventions of claims 2, 9 and 16, respectfully. The remaining claims have been amended only to delete multiple dependencies. Applicants

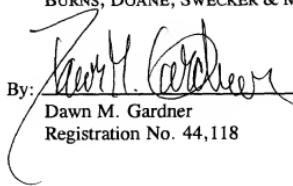
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respectfully assert that no new matter has been added by way of the above amendments,  
and that this application is not in condition for examination on the merits.

Respectfully submitted,

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